

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

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Number of Judgeships: 9

Created in 1988, this Court consisting of a chief judge and six associate judges has exclusive jurisdiction to review final decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals, an administrative arm of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cases involve reviewing the Board's determination of entitlement or disability benefits. The rulings can be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is independent and does not come under the purview of the Judicial Conference of the United States or the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The President appoints a chief judge and between two and six judges. The appointments are for 15-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation.

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Note: Chief Judge Donald L. Ivers has announced his retirement, effective August 2005.



Donald L. Ivers
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: New Mexico 1963 BA;
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Began Service: August 6, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Term Expires: August 5, 2005
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Superior Court of the District of Columbia (1970-1971); Law Clerk, District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1971-1972)

Government: Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation (1981-1985); Counselor, Secretary of Transportation (1984-1985); General Counsel, Veterans' Administration, and Acting General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs (1985-1990)

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Jonathan R. Steinberg
Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
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Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Warren E. Burger, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (1963-1964)

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Judge

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Began Service: November 24, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Term Expires: November 23, 2012

Academic: Department Chair, Criminal Law Division, Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army

Government: Immigration Judge, Department of Justice (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps

Military Service: United States Army (1968-1993); Chief Prosecutor, Fort Knox, Kentucky, United States Army; Chief Defense Counsel, Hawaii, United States Army; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Third Infantry Division, Germany, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Second Infantry Division, Korea, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, United States Army

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Judge

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Education: Naval Acad 1969 BS; McGeorge 1976 JD;
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Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Term Expires: January 1, 2017

Legal Practice: Judge Advocate, United States Marine Corps (1976-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy, United States Navy (1965-1969); United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps (1969-1990)

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